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B. ANKARA 3384, DTG 031045Z MAY 78 (NOTAL)
C. ANKARA 3401, DTG 040610Z MAY 78 (NOTAL)

1. MASS CIRCULATION DAILY "HURRIYET" APRIL 5 REPORTED REMARKS
MADE IN BRUSSELS BY PROFESSOR MUMTAZ SOYSAL, GOT-DESIGNATED
ADVISOR TO THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS AND WELL KNOWN TURKISH LEFTIST
INTELLECTUAL AND JOURNALIST, ON CONSEQUENCES OF NOT LIFTING

U.S. ARMS EMBARGO FOR TURKISH DEFENSE POLICIES. ACCORDING TO "HURRIYET", SOYSAL SAID THAT IT WOULD BE "POLITICAL SUICIDE" FOR PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT TO CHANGE THE TURKISH PROPOSALS ON CYPRUS BEFORE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS RESUME. CLAIMING THAT THE "ENTIRE (TURKISH) NATION" WOULD OPPOSE ALTERATIONS IN THE PROPOSALS, HE REPORTEDLY SAID THAT CHANGES COULD ONLY BE MADE AT THE CONFERENCE TALBE. SOYSAL ALSO REPORTEDLY REITERATED HIS BELIEF THAT THE EMBARGO WOULD NOT BE REPEALED (REF C).

2. SOYSAL, ACCORDING TO HURRIYET", CONTINUED THAT IF THE EMBARGO IS NOT LIFTED, TURKEY WOULD IMPLEMENT THE NEW DEFENSE CONCEPT WHICH HE SAID WOULD BE "INSPIRED" BY THE YUGOSLAV MODEL. HE ADDED THAT TURKEY COULD OBTAIN MILITARY WEAPONRY "ANYWHERE" AND REDUCE THE SIZE OF ITS ARMED FORCES AS WELL.

3. COMMENT: FOR THE ECEVIT GOVERNMENT, THE "NEW DEFENSE CONCEPT" SEEMS TO CONSIST OF A NUMBER OF LOOSELY-DEFINED POINTS WHICH EMPHASIZE "NATIONAL" (AS OPPOSED TO NATO) CONTROL OF GROUND AND AIR FORCES, REORIENTATION OF TURKISH FORCES AWAY FROM NATO DEFENSE AGAINST THE USSR, CONCENTRATION OF DEFENSE STRENGTH ON MEETING "NATIONAL" THREATS (E.E., GREECE AND ETHNIC/RELIGIOUS DISSIDENCE IN EASTERN TURKEY), REDUCED DEPENDENCE ON THE U.S. FOR ARMS SUPPLY, THE INTRODUCTION OF CIVIC ACTION MISSION FOR THE ARMED FORCES, AND REDUCTION/STREAMLINING OF THE TURKISH ARMY IN PARTICULAR. WE HAVE HEARD FROM ANOTHER SOURCE THAT ECEVIT WAS QUITE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERESTED IN YUGOSLAVE MILITARY ORGANIZATION AND CONCEPTS DURING HIS RECENT VISIT THERE (REF B), AND THERE APPEAR TO BE ELEMENTS OF THE YUGOSLAV EXPERIENCE, SUCH AS THE PEOPLES' MILITIA AND THE CAPACITY TO USE MILITARY EQUIPMENT ACQUIRED FROM DIVERSE SOURCES, THAT MIGHT APPEAL TO THE TURKS. WHILE SOYSAL HAS NO OFFICIAL STANDING AND IS BY NO MEANS AUTHORITATIVE ON THE SUBJECT OF GOT DEFENSE POLICY, HIS STATEMENTS AS REPORTED ABOVE REFLECT A WILLINGNESS, EVEN A DESIRE, INCREASINGLY EXPRESSED BY MEMBERS OR THE TURKISH LEFT, INCLUDING MANY IN ECEVIT'S REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY, TO STRIKE OUT ON A COURSE MORE INDEPENDENT OF NATO AND THE WEST AND TO CONSIDER SERIOUSLY OTHER OPTIONS IN DEFENSE AND FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS. SPIERS

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